

**Stark County Family Court
Parenting Time Schedule
Schedule or Exhibit “A”**



Judge Jim D. James

Judge Michael L. Howard

Judge Rosemarie A. Hall

“Whenever possible, the order or decree permitting parenting time shall ensure the opportunity for both parents to have frequent and continuing contact with the child.....”

O.R.C. 3109.051

1. **Weekends:** Beginning on a specific date _____, every other weekend from Friday night at 6 p.m. to Sunday night at 6 p.m.

2. **Midweek:** In addition, the child(ren) shall spend a minimum of one week day parenting time as follows:

- a. For a child not yet in mandatory education, 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- b. For a child in grades kindergarten to 8th grade, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- c. For a high school student, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

If there is more than one child, the hour of return shall be the hour for the youngest child. If the parents cannot agree on a day, the day for the midweek parenting time is Wednesday. If a child is in a child care arrangement, the nonresidential parent may not pick up the child from the caretaker without the prior permission of the residential parent, preferably in writing.

3. **Days of Special Meaning**

Mother's Day shall always be spent with the mother; Father's Day shall always be spent with the father, regardless of which parent is entitled to the weekend. If the parties cannot agree on times, the time is 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Then the child(ren) shall spend the rest of the weekend with the parent who normally has that weekend.

The child's birthday shall always be spent with the mother in the even-numbered years, and shall always be spent with the father on the odd-numbered years. The nonresidential parent must provide one week's notice of his or her intent to have parenting time for a birthday. If the parties cannot agree, the time is 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. for a child not in school on his birthday and 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. for a child in school on his birthday. The other parent can celebrate on another date. The child's birthday is to be spent with the designated parent, even if that other parent is entitled to weekend, midweek, holiday or vacation with the child. Brothers and sisters attend the birthday event.

Other days of special meaning, such as religious holidays, Martin Luther King Day, etc., should be discussed and written into the court order.

4. **Holidays:** Parents who want to change the agreement for a holiday must do so at least one week in advance in order to observe family or religious traditions. If not changed by agreement, holiday times are as follows:

Easter

As agreed, or **Sunday at 10 a.m.**
Ending time- **Sunday at 7 p.m.**

Father (Even years)
Mother (Odd years)

Memorial Day

As agreed, or **Sunday at 7 p.m.**
Ending time- **Monday at 8 p.m.**

Father (Odd years)
Mother (Even years)

July 4th

As agreed, or **July 4th at 9 a.m.**
Ending time- **July 5th at 9 a.m.**

Father (Even years)
Mother (Odd years)

Labor Day

As agreed, or **Sunday at 7 p.m.**
Ending time- **Monday at 8 p.m.**

Father (Odd years)
Mother (Even years)

Thanksgiving

As agreed, or **Thursday at 9 a.m.**
Ending time- **Friday at 9:00 a.m.**

Father (Even years)
Mother (Odd years)

Christmas Eve

As agreed, or **Dec. 23rd at 9:00 p.m.**
Ending time- **Dec. 24th at 10 p.m.**

Father (Odd years)
Mother (Even years)

Christmas Day

As agreed, or **Dec. 24th at 10 p.m.**
Ending time- **Dec. 25th at 9 p.m.**

Father (Even years)
Mother (Odd years)

New Year's Eve

As agreed, or **Dec. 31st at 5 p.m.**
Ending time- **Jan. 1st at 9 p.m.**

Father (Odd years)
Mother (Even years)

Martin Luther King Day

As agreed or **Sunday at 6:00 p.m.**
Ending time- **Monday at 6:00 p.m.**

Father (Even years)
Mother (Odd years)

5. Vacations:

Two (2) weeks of parenting time, (unless otherwise stipulated), each year are to be arranged by the nonresidential parent with not less than sixty (60) days advance notice. The nonresidential parent's choice of vacation has priority over the residential parent's choice, unless the residential parent's vacation is an annual mandatory shutdown of the place of employment, or unless the residential parent is required by an employer to give more than sixty days notice of intent to take a vacation and the nonresidential parent has no such requirement. Likewise, the residential parent must give the other parent not less than sixty days advance notice of vacations or special plans for the child to avoid planning conflicts.

Summer school necessary for the child to pass to the next grade must be attended. Extended parenting time (vacation) may be scheduled by either parent during a mandatory summer school period, but the child must attend all classes.

Each parent must provide the other parent with destination, times of arrival, departure and method of travel if the vacation will be outside the parent's community.

Vacation parenting time must be exercised in minimum periods of one week, and the nonresidential parent has the right to determine whether to exercise vacation in periods of two, three, four or five weeks.

Alternate weekends which normally would be spent with the residential parent, which fall during the nonresidential parent's vacation must be given to the residential parent, or made up at another time. Alternate weekends which normally would be spent with the nonresidential parent and that fall during the residential parent's vacation must be given to the nonresidential parent to be made up at another time.

6. The residence of the child is not to be moved from the State of Ohio without first obtaining a modified parenting time order from the Family Court.
7. A parent late more than thirty minutes shall forfeit that parenting time unless the nonresidential notified the residential at least one hour prior thereto.
8. Parenting time does not mean picking up the child(ren) and then leaving them with someone else, except for short periods with relatives.
9. These orders will be modified by the court if there is good cause shown for such change.
10. A holiday that falls on a weekend shall be spent with the parent who is designated to have the children for that holiday, and the other parent shall have the children for the rest of the weekend. This time does not have to be made up.

11. The parent receiving the child for the parenting time is responsible for picking up and transporting the child to the visits. The other parent is responsible for picking up and transporting the child at the conclusion of the visit.
12. IT IS ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the parties abide by these orders in the best interest of the child(ren). Failure of either party to abide by these orders could result in a finding of contempt. This includes the orders that require the residential parent to have the child(ren) prepared for parenting time as well as the orders that require the nonresidential parent to take the child(ren) for parenting time on the ordered days.
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Parenting time questions?

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